THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRt A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. According to the news item, the doctors at a private hospital in Delhi, carried out Endoscopic Vein Harvesting (EVH), a new technique on a diabetic patient while performing the procedure of coronary bypass surgery on him. In the procedure, rather than having a Iprge incision in the leg of the patient, an endoscope is connected to a video camera and inserted through one to three small incisions in the leg allowing the surgeon to remove a vein with minimal stress to the leg. The technique is used is still new and it takes time to get wide-spread acceptance. Further, the procedure has its own advantages & disadvantages. As every surgical patient is unique, it is for the surgical team to recommend the best procedure for a patient.

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Setting up of PHCs In NER

510. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHABMAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Primary Health Centres proposed to be set up In the North-Eastern Region during the Tenth Plan;

(b) the details of places identified in the NER for establishing of such PHCs; and

(c) the details of financial allocation made for the propose for NER during the above plan.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Planning Commission targets for the establishment of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in North-Eastern States during the Tenth Five Year Plan for making up shortfalls of one PHC for every 30,000 population in plain area and 20,000 population in tribal area, are as under:—

Assam	116
Nagatand	8
Tripura	38

The places for establishment of PHCs are identified and decided by respective State Governments as per their requirement and population norms.

(c) PHCs are established by State Governments out of the overall funds provided to them and physical targets given by the Planning Commission under the State Sector Health Outlay. Thus, no separate funds are allocated by Government of India for establishing PHCs.

Establishment of Medical College at Ourgapur

511. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the f^inister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to reply to the Unstarred Question 1209 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29"" July, 2002 and state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal regarding establishment of a Medical College at Durgapur by M/s. De Siksha Parishad; and

(b) if so, the response of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and {b) The Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 was amended in 1993 to provide for prior permission of Central Government for establishment of a new medical college. The persons desirous to establish a medical college has to send a proposal to the Central Government as per the provisions of Indian Medical Council Act and Regulations made thereunder. No scheme in accordance with the Regulations has been received from M/s. De Siksha Parishad for opening of a new medical college at Durgapur.

Population growth rate

512. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh registered the steepest fall in the population growth;

(b) if so, the details thereof and all-India population growth rate during the decade 1991-2001; and